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- e) that the group of animals in the transfer section (16) is driven into the stunning apparatus (3) when this is ready to receive a group of animals, and
- f) that the process steps a) to e) are repeated as long as there are animals in the corridor area (10a) between the entrance end and the division gate (12), the division gate (12) being opened between each cycle.

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16. Method according to claim 15, characterized in that the transfer section (16) has a rectangular shape with a short side placed opposite the exit end of the corridor section (10) and a long side placed opposite the entrance to the stunning apparatus and that a movable wall (18) at the other long side is moved over to the long side placed opposite the entrance to the stunning apparatus in connection with process step e).

17. Method according to claim 15, characterized in that animals are driven in the corridor area (10b) between the division gate and the exit end by means of a gate device with a 15 travelling elevating or travelling sliding gate and that the elevating/sliding gate is returned with the gate pulled out of or elevated above the corridor section.

18. Method according to claim 15, characterized in that the division gate (12) is opened partially to a position which allows animals to walk one by one through the passage 20 formed by the opening process when the number of animals on the corridor area (10a) between the entrance end and the division gate exceeds the number of animals in a group.

19. Method according to claim 15, characterized in that a flock of animals to be divided in groups is driven into the corridor area (10a) between the entrance end and the division 25 gate and that an entrance gate (11) in the entrance end of the corridor section is closed when all animals in the flock has entered the area.

20. Method according to claim 15, characterized in that animals on the corridor area (10a) between the entrance end and the division gate are driven forwards by means of a 30 travelling elevating or travelling sliding gate.